

902nd Military Intelligence Group Family Readiness Group Newsletter



HHD, 902d MI Group: The Fulcrum of Vigilance

Friends and Family of the Fulcrum,

June has been an incredibly busy and eventful month for the Soldiers of HHD. Early in the month, we welcomed a new Top Soldier. Sergeant First Class Doretha Evans, recently acquired from the Guardians of America's S3 shop, took over the responsibilities of First Sergeant from SFC Montavon. HHD was twice blessed in that we were also able to keep SFC Montavon, who assumed the duties of the S3 Sergeant Major. The week following those events, NCOs from HHD facilitated the INSCOM Americas Board competition by running an M16 qualification range, land navigation testing, Common Task Testing, a six mile foot march, and the Army Physical Fitness Test. All these tasks were executed while simultaneously preparing for a training week at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. On 21 June, HHD Soldiers executed a tactical wheeled vehicle convoy from Fort Meade to Fort A.P. Hill as part of FULCRUM FOCUS '05. During this off-site training week, HHD Soldiers conducted a five mile tactical foot march, an M16 day/night/NBC qualification range, an obstacle course, land navigation testing, and a leadership reaction course. The Soldiers of HHD returned to Fort Meade on 24 June, just in time to take a quick weekend's rest before starting their defense of the Commander's Cup, last awarded during August 2003. As of this writing, HHD has moved into the championship rounds of the Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Softball tournaments. "When It's Game Time... It's Pain Time!"

HHD said goodbye to several Soldiers this month, but we also gained several. Departing were LTC T.L. Harlan, MAJ Brian Scott, CH(MAJ) Ernest Vermont, SSG Axel Fontenot, SSG Devin Bryant and SGT Juan Ortiz. We received new help from LTC Gregory Platt; MAJ Thornton; Ms. Denise Maddox; SFC Kellie Cameron; SSG Daniel Stanhagen; SGT Tameca Peck; and PV2 Jack Norris.

On a more somber note, HHD lost one of its own on the morning of 21 June. Chief Jefferson of the 902d MI Group's Guard Force passed on that morning, and he will be missed by all who knew him. He was a distinguished gentleman who always had a kind word for the many Soldiers, civilians, contractors, and visitors who passed his guard desk every day. Our many condolences go to Chief Jefferson's family.

- CPT Brian Jackson

FCA Covers the World

FCA continues to fight the Global war on terrorism. FCA deploys Soldiers and civilians all over the world, to include Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Qatar. 902d FRG has been very helpful by sending care packages on a bimonthly basis to those deployed personnel. The Soldiers and civilians of FCA want to take this opportunity to thank the 902d FRG for its support to our loved ones.

Joseph Sheridan

FRG Activities

July 1st - Organizational Day!
July 7th - Care Package Night
July 13th - Steering Committee Meeting.
July 15th - Parents Night Out
July 19th - Ladies Night Out

If you would like details on each or every event, please contact Beth Morgan at (410) 674-0169 or ElizabethMorgan@comcast.net.

If you are interested in learning more about your FRG or how you can volunteer, please contact your Company contact or Beth Morgan.

Ft. Meade Community Activities

4th of July Independence Day Celebration: The general public is invited to attend this special event, being held on McGlachlin Field (the Parade Field on Mapes Road). Music, food, vendors and 25-minute Fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m. Bring the family, invite the neighbors and friends.

Youth Golf Clinic at the Courses: This event will be taking place starting on 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28 July, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$60 per pupil, and open to junior golfers ages 8-16 of authorized MWR patrons. The program consists of; Introduction to the club, 3 days of instruction, 1 day of skills competition, and 1 play day. An Awards Banquet will be held after the completion of the.

HHC, 310th MI BN

For those of you who don't know, HHC did their first FTX (ever) down in Ft. A.P. Hill this month from 01 – 03 JUN 05. The training consisted of a Leaders Reaction Course, Day and Light Land Navigation as well as firing both the M249 and the M9. Needless to say, there were some bumps in the road as HHC learned some valuable lessons about running an FTX far from home.

The Leaders Reaction Course consisted of 17 different stations where each group of HHC Soldiers was given instructions as well as certain pieces of equipment for each event. The Soldiers then had to successfully complete the task, with more than half of the obstacles over some rather dirty water. The spirit of competition came through as CPT Davis promised three-day passes for the first group to successfully complete a water event.

The Land Navigation Course, led by SFC Fout of B. co., was next on the list for HHC. After given a detailed safety brief and allowed to plot the points in their groups, the Soldiers were driven out to the course to try and find their points while attempting to avoid CPT Dawson, who took great pleasure in making sure no one used the roads to navigate. After successfully receiving first time "Go's" all around, HHC headed back to the barracks for pizza.

After having an invigorating seven hours of sleep, HHC was back on the road to the M249 range, where CPT Dawson, assisted by SGT Weinstein, gave a detailed class before taking them over to fire a few rounds. After wonderful lunch of MRE's, the troops were soon on their way to finish of the day with the Pistol Qualification Range, complete with computerized pop-up targets. Instructed by CPT Dawson, the Soldiers practiced drawing from the holster, using different shooting stances, and finally a practical competition where it seemed 3,000 rounds of ammunition went in no time at all.

Overall, after the long ride back, the downloading of the gear, and the final dismissal, the Soldiers felt it was time well spent and the proceeding weekend well earned.

- CPT Anna Davis

B Co., 310th MI BN

Thank you to all those who have helped with our fundraisers in the past couple of months. As a result of your efforts, we have made over \$800.00! We have already spent some money on sending care packages to deployed Soldiers, and some on defraying the cost of Orioles tickets.

Congratulations to SFC Steve Porrett, recently awarded ARMY Meritorious Service Medal, and to SFC Steve Grant and SSG Andrew Vavra, recently Awarded the Army Commendation Medal, for their achievements. And to also SFC Brett Lawson, who graduated the First Sergeants' Academy on 18 May.

Don't forget that July 8th is the company trip to an Orioles Game at Camden Yard. The game starts at 1935. Please see the XO for more information.

We would like to Welcome back SSG Sidney Cole, who returned safely from a six-month deployment. We would like to welcome Mr. Noah Distefano, one of our newest Polygraphers and Mr. Jim Bickers, who joins us as an instructor.

Unfortunately, we need to say farewell to SFC Steve Grant and SSG Dean Lewellyn. We will miss them both, and look forward to corrupting their replacements.

-CPT John Marshall

clinic. Sign up at the Pro Shop before 11 July. Call (301) 677-5326 for more information.

Missoula Theatre Project at Youth Services July 18-23

2005: This is a special opportunity for youth in grades 1 through 12 to learn about the theatre. In one short week, a group of 60 children will audition, learn their lines, build a set, and give two shows of "The Jungle Book." For more information, please call (301) 677-1437.

NYC Trip Schedule: Saturday's on 16 July, 13 August, 17 September, 15 October, & 19 November. Friday, 9 December 2005 will be the Annual Radio City Music Hall Trip (Registration begins in July).

Movies in The Park: The movie Shark Tales will be shown on Devers Lawn on 29 July at 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the movie will be shown at the Fort Meade Pavilion on Llewellyn Avenue. Other scheduled movie dates are planned for 26 Aug, 30 Sep and 28 Oct.

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HHC, 308th MI BN

Friends and Family of the 308th Soldiers; it is my privilege to let you know some of the great things that our Soldiers currently have going on. Soldiers of HHC conducted an outstanding week of training from 16 June 05 to 21 June 05. Training included Pre-marksmanship Instruction (PMI), M16A1 qualification range, M9 qualification range, and weapons maintenance classes. Personnel of the unit did a tremendous job ensuring that all training was completed above and beyond the standard. On 13 July 05, our Soldiers will be conducting Combat Water Survival Training. This will test the soldier's strength, stamina, and ability to swim. Also scheduled for August is a Leadership Reaction Course at A.P. Hill. This course promotes ingenuity, team building, and leadership.

HHC's FRG is up and running strong. HHC conducted its last FRG meeting 24 May 05. Some activities planned for the summer include a car wash, bake sale, and a company Barbeque on 19 August 05. For those individuals who were unable to attend the last meeting the next one will be in August, we looking forward to seeing you there.

Our Soldiers and civilians work hard everyday to support the war fighters and decision makers. They continually come up with innovative ways to accomplish the mission. It is an honor to serve with these young men and women every day.

For those Soldiers who are currently deployed forward, you and your families remain in our prayers.

- 1LT Michael B. McCranie